

# In Memoriam: Pablo A. Chiale, MD



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The cardiologic community deeply grieves the untimely death of Pablo A. Chiale, MD, on September 20, 2014, after a 43-year distinguished career. Born in Buenos Aires on July 12, 1944, he graduated from the School of Medicine, Buenos Aires University in 1970. He started his training in the worldwide-known Argentinean School of Electrocardiography founded by our internationally respected teacher Mauricio B. Rosenbaum. Pablo soon stood out as a remarkable trainee full of energetic inquisitiveness to seek answers to fundamental questions and passion for his daily work. Chiale spent his entire career at the Cardiology Division, Ramos Mejía Hospital. During my chiefship of the Division, he was always an exceptional and committed coworker, and as such he was appointed Chief, In-Ward Unit and Director of the Arrhythmia Center of Buenos Aires hospitals. As a teacher, Pablo trained his disciples with a true vocation and an integrated approach. He also held the positions of Director,

Post-Doctoral Course on Cardiac Electrophysiology and Full Professor, School of Medicine, Argentinean Catholic University; Director, Argentinean Journal of Electrophysiology and Arrhythmias; and Principal Investigator, Health Research Council, Buenos Aires City.

His original works published in high-impact international journals were recognized worldwide for their clinical value: relationships between increased automaticity and depressed conduction in the main intraventricular conducting fascicles; the role of adrenergic and cholinergic receptor antibodies in the pathogenesis of cardiomyopathies and inappropriate sinus tachycardia; the clinical efficacy of amiodarone for the treatment of a wide spectrum of cardiac arrhythmias—tachyarrhythmias of Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, malignant ventricular arrhythmias in Chagas disease, paroxysmal and persistent atrial fibrillation, and so on; studies on normal and abnormal automaticity; overdrive prolongation of refractoriness and fatigue in the early stages of human bundle branch disease; lidocaine-sensitive atrial tachycardia; and new studies on cardiac memory and so on. His latest contribution was the so-called Chiale maneuver to unmask the Brugada ECG pattern in the presence of true right bundle branch block.

As a multitasking man, he was an exceptional violinist. He adored his family. His wife Marta and children had an exemplary and dedicated family man. Although he knew death was coming, he never gave up. He continued working hard, and death found him with work to be completed, which his disciples will continue. His patients will miss the compassionate physician. Looking back on the 40 years of our close relationship, I feel fortunate to have met him. However, Pablo Chiale, like true teachers and unique human beings, will transcend time and physical space and will always be by our side.